सर्किल का नाम	शहर का नाम	काउंटर मशीनों की संख्या	डाकघरों की संख्या
प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र	सहारनपुर		10
	वडोदरा		11
	मैसूर		10
	दरभंगा		10
	गाजियाबाद		1
	मदुरै		14
	निदेशालय की आर एण्ड डी		15
	विंग		71
	कुल योग		1780

Recognition to The New Regime of Qatar

1101. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recognised the new regime in Qatar which came after the bloodless coup by the Crown Prince;

(b) whether the change will have any effect on our bilateral agreement in the oil and gas sector; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Government of India considers the recent developments in Qatar as an internal matter and an official statement had been issued accordingly. The President and the Prime Minister had also sent messages of congratulations to the New Emir of Qatar.

(b) and (c) Recent changes in Qatar will not affect the ongoing economic cooperation between the two countries.

Estimate of Degraded/Deforested Forest Area

1102. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate on the total forest and forest areas degraded/deforested and destroyed during last three years; and

(b) if so, the State and the Union Territory-wise details thereof;

(c) the various factors responsible for the destruction and deforestation; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Forest Survey of India continuously monitors forest cover at the country and publish 'State of Forest Report' every two years. According to these studies for the peried 1991 and 1993 the trend of deforestation has been arrested and a marginal increase of 925 sq. kms. in the forest cover has been reported during the interregnum. The state and Union Territory-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Various factors responsible for destruction and deforestation include:—

—Unabated cattle grazing in the forest.

—Encroachment of forest land and shifting cultivation.

—Diversion of forest land for non-